

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
May 9th, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Larry Struck
Carol Culbertson
Anthony Irby
Raphael Ahmed
Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Paul Clark

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Kathy Pearce
Martin Badegian
Teresa Kolodny
Thomas Troxell
John Aldecoa

MFRF Committee Staff

Stephanie Michael, ADVS/MFRF
Monica DeLaRosa, Admin.

Assistant Arizona Attorney General – Benjamin Norris

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Anthony Irby moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on April 18th, 2017. Carol Culbertson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Randy Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:08 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:09 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2017-04 B TIP** Carol Culbertson recommended application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services, contingent upon applicant meeting with Anthony Irby at the

CRRC to file a claim for un-employability. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2017-04 G TIP** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
3. **2014-06 E** Stanley Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested and recommended applicant follow up with his VA treatment. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2014-04 H** Stan Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved as requested, contingent upon applicant making an appointment to see Anthony Irby at the CRRC to follow up on his TBI claim. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2017-04 H** Stan Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved as requested. In addition to the requested funds, Stan Zeitz recommended the applicant receive two additional months of requested assistance once he meets with Anthony Irby at the CRRC to file his claim. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2017-04 J TIP** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
7. **2017-04 I TIP** Stan Zeitz recommended application be approved as requested. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2017-03 D** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested and that applicant file to upgrade to 100% service connected disability. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2017-05 A TIP** Stanley Zeitz recommended application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
10. **2016-05 D** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved as requested for assistance. Stan Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
11. **2014-09 A** Larry Struck recommended the application be approved as requested. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
12. **2010-12 E** Anthony Irby recommended the application be approved as requested, contingent upon all car insurance and car quote documentation being submitted prior to funds being released. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Chairman Randy Meyer spoke about the current status of Senate Bill 1203, and stated that his position on the bill has not changed. Randy Meyer stated he was still in support of extending the sunset date of the Military Family Relief Fund until December 31st, 2025, and has remained neutral on the proposed shifting of the Military Family Relief Fund tax credit program to the Veterans Donation Fund (VDF).

Carol Culbertson attended the State Convention for Retired Federal Employees in Apache Junction and was able to market the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) and other ADVS programs to the Color Guard

and other attendees. The Committee also mentioned that on the first Saturday of the month in Sierra Vista, all participating area VSO's meet together to discuss veteran needs.

ADVS staff proposed that the ADVS PDCA MFRF Workgroup present a revised version of the MFRF application at next month's meeting for the Committee to review and provide feedback. ADVS also asked that the Committee prepare to vote on the revised changes at June's meeting. The Committee agreed to review the new application and potentially vote on the revisions in June.

The Committee and ADVS staff discussed potential marketing examples and agreed that many Arizona residents, both civilian and military, have not heard about the MFRF financial assistance program. All agreed to promote the program to the best of their ability in the community. ADVS staff will make marketing materials available to the Committee at the June meeting.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Stan Zeitz moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Paul Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Veteran Services.